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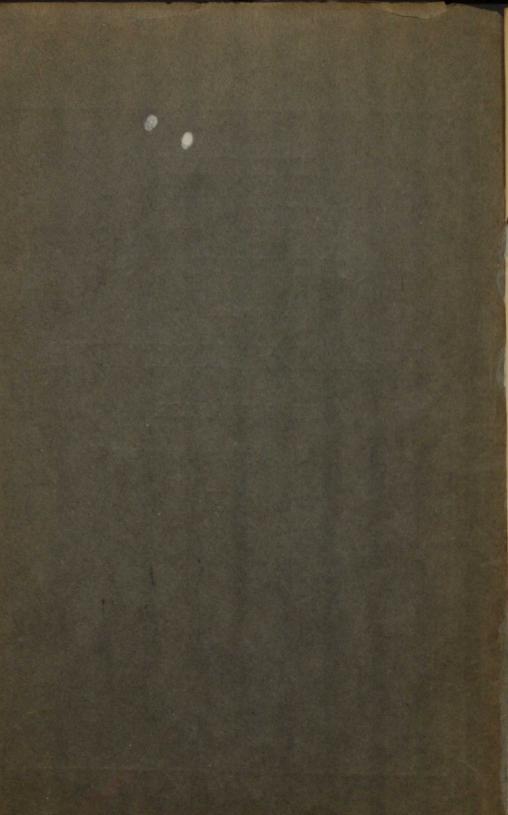
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Peabody Press Co., 27 Lowell Street

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held March 6, 1892, it was

Voted: That the Town allow the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, in the future, to make their annual report in print.

A true copy of record. Attest:

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.

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1917

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#### TRUSTEES' REPORT

Peabody, December 31, 1917.

Citizens of the City of Peabody:

The Trustees of the Peabody Institute submit herewith the sixty-sixth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1917. This includes the reports of the Treasurer, Mr. John J. Gallagher, the Lyceum and Library Committee, the Librarian's report and those of various sub-committees.

Bring to your special attention, the report of our Treasurer, which shows in detail the financial functions of our Board, during the year. Scrutiny of the same is recommended to all of our citizens, which will reflect the efficient financial management on the part of our Treasurer.

Our Librarian, Mr. J. E. Keefe, is conducting the many duties of his office in a most up-to-date fashion, which receives the commendation of our entire Board.

Mr. McKeen's faithfulness continues as always.

In the performance of our several duties, the Trustees have been guided by the highest sense of duty toward the sacred trust placed in their hands, and have worked harmoniously for the best interests of the Institution.

Respectfully,

DON M. INGRAHAM,
For the Trustees.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Peabody, Mass., Dec. 31, 1917.

Trustees of the Peabody Institute:

Attached you will find my report for year ending December 31, 1917. You will observe that the present market values show a marked shrinkage in comparison with book value of our securities. This is due to the prevailing war conditions, and does not effect us in any greater ratio than it does other large holders of securities.

A large percentage of our funds are invested in railroad securities. The Government's program for the control of the railroads will strengthen our holdings and is about the best thing that has happened in years, to strengthen the railroads, as railroad securities for the time being are Government securities. Our policy of the last few years has been to reduce our railroad holdings as far as practical, without effecting our principal.

Our securities are in good condition, and pay interest excepting the following:

\$5,000.00, 28th and 29th St. R. R. Crosstown, New York 5's. This road has not paid interest since April, 1908. These bonds are practically worthless, and in the near future we will be obliged to charge them off our books.

\$1,000.00, Chicago & West Michigan R. R. 5's, which have not paid interest since June, 1914. This road is reorganized under the Pere Marquette, and we received \$1,136.00 in Series A Bonds, Pere Marquette R. R. 5's in exchange for our bond.

\$1,000.00, Boston & Maine R. R. 4's. This has not paid interest since January 1, 1917, and is now in Receiver's hands, and proceedings as to Receivership are now pending in the United States Court.

During the year the following securities matured:

#### Reserve Fund

\$1,000.00, United Gas & Electric Co. 5's.

Purchased with the proceedings \$1,000.00 Northern
States Power 5's.

We purchased the following securities from surplus funds: \$1,000.00, Northern States Power 5's, and \$1,000.00 U. S. Liberty Bond 4's.

# Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library Building Fund Account

We purchased with surplus funds: \$1,000.00, U. S. Liberty Bond 4's.

During the year we placed the following additional insurance: General Liability Policy, \$10,000.00; Liability Workmen's Compensation Policy, \$4,000.00.

The Lyceum Library Committee were allowed a total

of \$3,700.00, during the past year.

## Respectfully,

JOHN J. GALLAGHER,

Treasurer.

# TRUSTEES, PEABODY INSTITUTE

# General Fund Cash Account

Receipts	Payments
Interest and Dividends \$5.06 Rents 953	00 General Repairs 250 13 Insurance 321 06 Gas, Elec, Light, Water Coal 770 19 Salaries 1,661 00 Lyceum and Library Committee 2,060 00 Sundries 163 40 Balance 113 35

# Reserve Fund Cash Account

Receipts		Payments	
Balance Interest and Dividends Rents Investments	\$1,011 51 3,047 95 150 00 1,000 00 \$5,209 46	Lyceum and Library Committee Sundries Interest Pre-Payments Investment Acct. Balance	\$217 67 6 04 40 97 2,984 20 1,960 58 \$5,209 46

# Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library

# General Fund Cash Account

Receipts		Payments		
Balance Interest and Dividends	\$1,318 90 1,190 00	Insurance Sundries Sutton Library	\$50 25	
		Committee Investments Balance	700 1,000 732	00
	\$2,508 90		\$2,508	90

# Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library

## Light and Fuel Fund Cash Account

Receipts		Payments	
Balance Interest and Dividend	\$287 50 215 00	Transferred to General Fund Balance	\$215 00 287 50
	\$502 50		\$502 50

# Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library

### Building Fund Cash Account

Receipts		Payments	
Balance Interest and Dividend	\$623 90 615 30	Investments Balance	\$ 35 30 1,203 90
	\$1,239 20		\$1,239 20

# High School Medal Fund Cash Account

Receipts		Payments	
Interest and Dividend Balance	\$119 69 57 51	Balance igh School Medals Investment	\$ 57 51 100 00 19 69
	\$177 20		\$177 20

# Burial Lot Cash Account

Receipts		Payments		
Balance Interest and Dividends	\$174 19 44 85	Care of Geo. Peabody lot Investment Balance		85
	\$219 04	10 100	\$219	04

# General Fund Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1917

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash	\$ 113 35	Principal Account	\$223,684 53
Real Estate Investme	nts 14,000 00	Income Account	1,148 32
Institute Buildings a	nd	Profit and Loss Ac-	
Grounds	101,500 00	count	1,391 25
Premium Account	202 00		A STATE OF THE STA
Securities Account	110,408 75		
	\$226,224 10		\$226,224 10

# Reserve Fund Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1917

Dr.			Cr.
Cash	\$1,960	58	Principal Account \$55,447 10
Real Estate Investments	4,500	00	Income Account 17,572 12
Securities Investments	66,802	00	Profit and Loss Account 1,238 85
Deposit Salem Savings			
Bank	749	93	
Deposit Warren Five			
Cent Savings Bank	215	56	
Premium Account	30	00	Specific Inc. 1985 The Specific Specifi
	\$74,258	07	\$74,258 07

# Sutton General Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1917

Dr.		Cr.	
Profit and Loss  Cash  Securities Investment	\$137 50 732 61 28,030 00	Principal Account Income Account	\$26,000 <b>00</b> 2,900 <b>11</b>
	\$28,900 11		\$28,900 11

# Sutton Light and Fuel Fund Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1917

Dr.		Cr.	
Profit and Loss Account Cash Investments Account	\$137 50 287 50 4,575 00	Principal Account	\$5,000 00
0. 00. 12	\$5,000 00		\$5,000 00

# Sutton Building Fund Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1917

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash Account Investment Account Deposit Warren Five Cent Savings Bank	\$ 1,203 90 11,605 00 857 33	Income Account Profit and Loss	\$8,463 30 5,064 18 138 75
	\$13,666 23		\$13,666 23

# High School Medal Fund Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1917

Dr.	Cr.
Deposit Warren Five	Principal Account \$2,000 00 Income Account 421 06 Cash Account 57 51
\$2,478 57	\$2,478 57

# Burial Lot Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1917

Dr.		Cr.	
Cash Investment Account Deposit Warren Five Cent Savings Bank	\$ 184 19 1,000 00 118 31	Principal Account Income Account	\$1,000 00 302 50
de perce	\$1,302 50		\$1,302 50

# Peabody Library Cash Account, Year 1917

Dr.			Cr.	
Balance	\$1,482	33	Salaries	\$2,006 02
Transferred from Gen-			Books	872 20
eral Fund	2,000	00	Magazines	166 93
Transferred from Re-			Binding	236 90
serve Fund	217	67	Printing	60 25
Receipts from Fines, etc.	. 40	20	Supplies	117 29
Interest on Deposits	7	33	Lectures	325 75
Receipts for Books	15	90	Balance	38 09
Transferred General Fun	nd			
Special	60	00		
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	\$3,823	43		\$3,823 43

# Sutton Library Cash Account, Year 1917

Dr.			Cr.		
Balance	\$548 10	Salaries		\$564	
Transferred from Sutton		Books		141	06
General Fund	700 00	Magazines		1	81
		Supplies		16	65
		Balance		524	58
	\$1,248 10			\$1,248	10

I.

# REAL ESTATE AND INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

# Bonds Registered, Principal and Interest

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Balt. & Ohio R. R. 1s		******			
Mtg. 4's 1948		\$1002.50	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$720.00
Balt. & Ohio R. R. 1s		105.00	F00.00	E00.00	000.00
	1899	495.00	500.00	500.00	360.00
Balt. & Ohio R. R. Pitts. Jet. Md. Div					
3½'s 1925	1904	4600.00	5000.00	5000.00	4350.00
Central Ind. R. R		4000.00	5000.00	5000.00	4500.00
Gold 1st Mtg. 4's					
1953	1906	975.00	1000.00	1000.00	620.00
Central Pac. Ry. Co			2000.00	1000.00	020.00
1st Mtg. Gold 4'					
1954	1908	910.00	1000.00	910.00	770.00
City of San Diego					
Water 4½'s 1942	1915	1925,00	2000.00	1925.00	1860.00
Lehigh & New Yorl					
R. R. Co. 1st Mtg					
4's 1945	1902	4987.50	5000.00	5000.00	4250.00
Mass. Gas. Co.'s Gold				•	
4½'s 1931	1913	956.25	1000.00	956.25	830.00
N. Y. Cent. & Hud					
R. R. Co. Gold Deb 4's 1934	1904	4975.00	5000.00	5000.00	2000 00
Nor. Pac. Gt. Nor. Jt		4910.00	000.00	00.000	3900.00
Bond, C. B. & Q.					
4's 1921	1902	4750.00	5000.00	5000.00	4600.00
Seattle Elec. Co. Com		***************************************	0000.00	00.00.00	4000.00
& Ref. Mtg. Gold					
5's 1929	1912	996.25	1000.00	997.50	800.00
			Secretary and the	10000	

2000.00 1860.00

Name Boug	ht	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
U. S. Steel Corp. Sinking Fund 5's 1963 Western Union Tel.	11	1057.50	1000.00	1000.00	950.00
Co. Fdg. & Real Est. 4½'s 1950 19	03	5075.00	5000.00	5000.00	4400.00
Bonds	Regi	stered as	to Principa	al	
Name Bou	ght	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Amer. Tel. & Tel. Coll. Tr. 4's 1929 19 Ann Harbor R. R. Co.		\$3960.00	\$4000.00	\$4000.00	\$3280.00
1st Mtg. Gold 4's	902	2977.50	3000.00	3000.00	1620.00
00111 8 2002	902	3495.00	3000.00	3000.00	3030.00
Buffalo & Susq. R. R. Co. 1st. Mtg. 4's 1963  Butte, Anaconda &	901	2197.32	2000.00	2000.00	1560.00
Pacific 1st Mtg.	914	997.50	1000.00	997.50	920.00
R. Conv. Gen. & Ref. Mtg. 5's 2014  Cumberland Tel. &	1915	2030.00	2000.00	2000.00	1540.00
Tel. 1st & Gen. Mtg. 5's 1937		1008.75	1000.00	1000.00	970.00
Conn. & Passumpsic R. R. 1st Mtg. 4's 1943 Detroit Edison Co.,	1894	997.50	1000.00	1000.00	840.00

1916 2035.00 2000.00

1939 1900 1930.00 2000.00 2000.00 1540.00

1st & Ref. Mtg. 5's

Edison Elec. Ill. Co. 1st Con. Mtg. 4's

1940

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Edison Elec. Ill. Co					
1st Con. Mtg. 4's					
1939	1899	4625.00	5000.00	5000.00	3850.00
Edison Elec. Ill. Co			5000.00	000.00	0000.00
1st Con. Mtg. 4's					
1939	1899	2835.00	3000.00	3000.00	2310.00
Ill. Cent. R. R. Louis-				0000.00	2010100
ville Div. 1st Mtg					
3½'s 1953	1899	4060.00	4000.00	4000.00	2840.00
Ind. Col. & Est'n Gen				1000.00	
& Ref. Mtg. 5's					
1926	1902	5137.50	5000.00	5000.00	3750.00
Interboro Rap. Tran.				2 10 16	
1st & Ref. Mtg. 5's					
1966	1914	990.00	1000.00	990.00	780.00
N. Y. & Pa. Tel. &					
Tel. Co. Gen. Mtg.					
Gold 4's, 1929	1900	1920.00	2000.00	2000.00	1600.00
N. Y. C. & H. R. R.					
R. Deb. (now Mtg.)					
4's 1934	1916	1815.00	2000.00	1815.00	1560.00
Ohio River R. R. Co.					
Gen. Mtg. Gold 5's 1937					
Pacific Tel. & Tel. 1st	1902	1145.00	1000.00	1000.00	900.00
Mtg. & Tr. 5's 1937					
Pitts. Shenango & L.	1910	995.00	1000.00	995.00	910.00
E. 1st Mtg. Gold 5's					
1940	1902	1000 00			
Portland Gen. Elec.	1302	1220.00	1000.00	1000.00	980.00
1st Mtg. 5's 1935	1914	1020.00	100000	THE REAL PROPERTY.	
Raleigh & S. W. Ry.	1014	1020.00	1000.00	1000.00	900.00
Co. 1st Mtg. Gold					
4's 1936	1910	5075.00	5000.00	E000 00	4700.00
Rio Grande & West		0010.00	3000.00	5000.00	4500.00
1st Con. Mtg. Gold					
4's 1949	1902	937.50	1000,000	1000.00	E00.00
Rio Grande & West			200.000	1000.00	500.00
1st Con. Mtg. Gold					
4's 1949	1901	957.50	1000.00	1000.00	500.00
			-000.00	1000.00	500.00

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
South Omaha School Bonds 5's 1923 Tor., Ham., & But R. R. Co. 1st Mtg	1903	5300.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
Gold 4's 1946	1901	1995.00	2000.00	2000.00	1740.00
Twin City Tel. 1s Mtg. Gold 5's 1926 West. Tel. & Tel. Co	1902	980.00	1000.00	1000.00	930.00
Tr. Gold 5's 1932	1902	5262.50	5000.00	5000.00	4400.00
West. El. Co. 1s Mtg., Gold 5's 1922 West End St. R. R	1911	5050.00	5000.00	5000.00	4900.00
1944 Plain 5's United Kingdom G	1915	2060.00	2000.00	2000.00	1700.00
Brit., Ire, & Frenc Rep. Ext. 5's 1920	h 1915	962.50	1000.00	962.50	890.00
28th & 29th St. Cross town Ry. 5's	1906	2160.00	2000.00	2060.00	100.00

#### Not Registered

Name	Bough	t Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Warren Nat. Bar 3 shares	nk, 1859	300.00	300.00	300.00	345.00
Wallis House		\$111136.07	\$110800.00	\$110408.75 10000.00	\$91456.00 10000.00
Merrill House Institute Building tents (excluding				4000.00	4000.00
and Grounds	DOORS	100	33990	101500.00	101500.00
		\$111136.07	\$110800.00	\$225908.75	\$206955.00

II.

# Real Estate and Invested Funds Belonging to the Reserve Fund Account

# Bonds, Registered, Principal and Interest

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
B. & M. R. R. Co.					
Plain Gold 41/2's	,				
1944	1893	\$1052.50	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$550.00
Boston Elevated 5's					
1942	1912	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	1500.00
Boston Elevated R					
R. Plain Gold 41/2's					*****
1941	1911	2000.00	2000.00	1998.50	1400.00
City of Yonkers As-					1000.00
sessment 5's 1918		1013.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Cent. Ind. R. R. Co					
1st Mtg. Gold 4's		*****	2000 00	2222 20	1240.00
1953	1904	1950.00	2000.00	2000.00	1240.00
Cent. Pac. R. R. 1st		0700 00	2000 00	0700 00	2310.00
Mtg. Gold 4's 1954		2730.00	3000.00	2730.00	2310.00
Chicago Ry. Co. 1st		3030.00	3000,00	3000.00	2460.00
Mtg. Gold 5's 1927 Lake Shore & Mich		3030.00	3000.00	3000.00	2400.00
So. R. R. 4's 1931		1852.50	2000.00	1852.50	1660.00
Nor. Pac. Gt. Nor. Jt		1002.00	2000.00	1002.00	1000.00
Bond C. B. & Q. 4's					
1921		912.50	1000.00	1000.00	920.00
U. S. Steel Corp			2000100	1000,00	
Sinking Fund 5's					
1963		1057.50	1000.00	1000.00	950.00

#### Bonds Registered as to Principal

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Amer. Tel. & Tel.					
Coll. Tr. 4's 1929	1898	\$1017.50	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$820.00

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Amer. Tel. & Tel.		15 10 55	F0-		
Coll. Tr. 4's 1929	1912	4543.75	5000.00	4543.75	4100.00
Atlantic Coast Line Gold Bond 4's 1952	1905	1920.00	2000.00	0000 00	1040.00
Brooklyn Rap. Tran-		1020.00	2000.00	2000.00	1640.00
sit 5's Notes, 1918	1912	2902.50	3000.00	2902.50	2790.00
Butte, Anaconda Pac.			0.00	2002.00	
R. R. 1st Mtg. Sk.					
Fd. 5's 1944	1914	997.50	1000.00	997.50	920.00
Central Vt. 1st Mtg.					
Gold 4's exchanged					
for Cent. Ry. of Vermont 1920		960.00	100000	1000.00	250.00
Cin., Ham. & Dayton	1892	900.00	1000.00	1000.00	650.00
R. R. Co. Gen. Mtg.					
5's 1942	1892	2040.00	2000.00	2000.00	1860.00
City of Ottawa Deb.			0.00	2000.00	100010
5's 1945	1915	1980.00	2000.00	1980.00	1600.00
Ill. Cent. R. R. Co.					
3½'s 1953	1899	1015.00	1000.00	1000.00	710.00
Montreal Tramways		000.00	10		
5's 1941	1913	990.00	1000.00	990.00	750.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Plain 5's 1932	1902	2195.00	2000.00	2000 00	1700 00
Nor. Pac. Gt. Nor.		2195.00	2000,00	2000.00	1760.00
2047 Ref. & Imp.					
4½'s	1915	1905.00	2000.00	1905.00	1660.00
Nor. State Power Co.					
1st & Ref. Mtg. 5's					
1941	1917	1946.25	2000.00	1946.25	1760.00
Nor. States Power					
Co., 1st & Ref.		1000.00	000000	1000.00	1500.00
Mtg. 5's 1941	1916	1930.00	2000.00	1930.00	1760.00
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. 5's 1937	1910	995.00	1000.00	995.00	910.00
Penn. & Nor. West.		330.00	1000.00	00.00	310.00
R. R. Co., Gen.					
Mtg. 5's 1930	1902	5837.50	5000.00	5000.00	4900.00
Pere Marquette, 1st					
Mtg. 5's 1956	1892	990.00	1000.00	1136.00	800.00

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Pro. of New Bruns-					
wick, Deb. 4½'s					0010.00
1925	1916	2880.00	3000.00	2880.00	2640.00
Seattle Elec. Co.,					
Con. & Ref. Mtg.	1010	0000 50	0000 00	2002 42	2400.00
5's 1929	1912	2992.50	3000.00	2992.50	2400.00
Twin City Tel. Co. 1st Mtg. 5's 1926	1909	1060.00	2000.00	2000.00	1860.00
United Kingdom Gt.	1302	1300.00	2000.00	2000.00	1000.00
Brit., Ire. & French					
Rep. 5% Ext. Loan					
1920	1915	962.50	1000.00	962.50	890.00
West, Tel. & Tel. Co.					
Coll. Tr. 5's ex-					
changed for Erie					
Tel. 1932	1898	1010.00	1000.00	1000.00	880.00
28th & 29th St. Cross-					
town 1st Mtg. 5's	1903	2320.00	2000.00	2060.00	100.00
U. S. Liberty Bond		Line con			
4's	1917	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	970.00

# Bonds Not Registered

Name Bou	ght Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Com. Edison Co. 1st Mtg. Gold 5's 1943 19 Dep. Warren F. C.	16 \$3075.00	\$3000.00	\$3000.00	\$2820.00
Sav. Bk. Dep. Salem Sav. Bk. Harris lot, vacant land Hammond House			215.56 749.93 2500.00 2000.00	215.56 749.93 2500.00 2000.00
	\$66963.00	\$67000.00	\$72267.49	\$61405.49

III.

# Invested Funds Belonging to the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, General Fund Account

# Bonds Registered as to Principal and Interest

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	'Mkt. Val.
Cent. Ind. Ry. Co. 1st Mtg. 4's 1953 Chi. Ry. Co. 1st Mtg	1904	\$4875.00	\$5000.00	\$5000.00	\$3100.00
5's 1927 Louisville & Nas., So. Monon, Joint 4's	1909	1010.00	1000.00	1000.00	820.00
1952 U. S. Liberty Bond	1902	4800.00	5000.00	5000.00	3500.00
4's	1917	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	970.00

#### Bonds Registered as to Principal

Name	Bough	t Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Atlantic Coast Line					
Louis. & Nash 4's	3				
1952	1905	\$906.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$820.00
Fitchburg R. R. Deb					40-0.00
5's 1934	1914	2037.50	2000.00	2000.00	1700.00
Ohio River R. R. Gen	THE REAL PROPERTY.				
Mtg. 5's 1937	1902	5725.00	5000.00	5000.00	4500.00
Pitts. Shenango & L.					200.00
Erie 1st Mtg. 5's					
1940	1902	4880.00	4000.00	4000.00	3920.00
So. Pac. R. R. Co. 20	- DETERMINE				
year Conv. 5's 1934	1914	3021.67	3000.00	3000.00	2610.00
28th & 29th St. Cross-					Fall systems
town Ry. 1st Mtg.					
5's	1903	1160.00	1000.00	1030.00	50.00
colores colores	50.000	\$29469.17	\$28000.00	\$28030.00	\$21990.00

#### IV.

# Invested Funds Belonging to the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, Light and Fuel Account

#### Bonds Registered as to Principal.

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Boston Elevated Ry. Co. 30 Year Plain 4's 1935		\$1702.50	\$2000.00	\$1702.50	\$1400.00
N. Y. C. & Hudson River R. R. Ref. & Imp. Mtg. 4½'s					
2013	1914	2872.50	3000.00	2872.50	2550.00
		\$4575.00	\$5000.00	\$4575.00	\$3950.00

## V.

# Invested Funds Belonging to the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, Building Fund Account

# Bonds Registered as to Principal and Interest.

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Chicago Ry. Co. 1s Mtg. Gold 5's Portland Terminal	1909	\$1010.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$820.00
Co. 1st Mtg. 4's 1961 Boston Elevated Plain 30 Year Gold 5's	1914	900.00	1000.00	900.00	850.00
1942	1912	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00	2250.00

## Bonds Registered as to Principal

Name	Bough	t Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Amer. Tel. & Tel Co.					
Coll. Tr. 4's 1929	1914	\$ 888.75	\$1000.00	\$ 888.75	\$ 820.00
City of Ottawa, Can., 5% Plain Gold 1945	1915	990.00	1000.00	990.00	800.00
Interboro Rapid Tran- sit 1st & Ref. Mtg.					
5's 1966	1914	1980.00	2000.00	1980.00	1560.00
Minneapolis Gas Light Co. 1st Mtg. 5's					
1930 Miss. River Power 5's	1914	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	960.00
1951,	1914	846.25	1000.00	846.25	680.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Plain 5's 1932	1912	1011.25	1000.00	1000.00	880.00
		\$11626.25	\$12000.00	\$11605.00	\$9620.00
Dep. Warren F. C.					ALE CONTRACTOR
Sav. Bank				857.33	857.33
		\$11626.25	\$12000.00	\$13462.33	\$11447.33

### VI.

#### Invested Funds Belonging to the High School Medal Fund Account

## Bonds Registered as to Principal and Interest

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
U.S. Steel Corp. Coll. Tr. Sinking Fund					
5's 1963	1908	\$2057.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$1900.00
Dep. Warren F. C Sav. Bank					
bav. bank				478.57	478.57
		\$2057.50	\$2000.00	\$2478.57	\$2378.57

#### VII.

## Invested Funds Belonging to the Burial Lot Fund Account Bonds Registered as to Principal.

Name	Bought	Cost	Par	Bk. Val.	Mkt. Val.
Chi., Burl, & Quin R. R. Co. Sink Fund 4's 1927 Dep. Warren F.	ing 1887	\$980.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$930.00
Sav. Bank				118.31	118.31
	THE REAL PROPERTY.	\$980.00	\$1000.00	\$1118.31	\$1048.31

#### INSURANCE

Institute Building, Peabody Library Institute Building, Sutton Library	\$56,000 00 4,000 00	
Contents Peabody Library:		\$60,000 00
Equipment, Furnishings, etc. Books	17,350 00 20,000 00	
Contents Sutton Library:	20,000 00	
Furniture and Fixtures Books	3,500 00 15,000 00	
		55,850 00
Hammond House		1,000 00
Wallis House		8,000 00
Merrill House		4,000 00
Boiler, Liability Insurance		5,000 00
General Liability		10,000 00
Liability Workmen's Compensation		4,000 00
		\$147,850 00

Peabody, Mass., Dec. 31, 1917.

We have this day examined the Books, Accounts and Securities of John J. Gallagher, Treasurer of the Peabody Institute in Peabody, Mass., and find the Books and Accounts to be correct, and the Securities to be intact.

Signed,

DON M. INGRAHAM,
D. J. CONROY,
LAWRENCE KENDALL KELLEY,
Finance Committee.

Peabody, Mass., Dec. 31, 1917.

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute in Peabody, Mass., together with the securities named therein, and find the same to be correct.

WM. F. GOGGIN, City Auditor.

February 13, 1918.

Trustees of the Peabody Institute, Peabody, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with our instructions we have audited the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Trustees for the year ended December 31, 1917 and report thereon as follows:

The income from interest on bonds, dividends on stocks, and bank interest has been verified and all found to be accounted for properly. The full income from real estate rentals has been received excepting from one tenant who is one month in arrears. Receipts from hall rent and sundry receipts by the library were not verified but accepted as shown in the cash books.

Cancelled checks and vouchers were on hand covering all disbursements, the vouchers being properly approved where such approval was necessary.

The cash balances as shown by the cash books were found to be in agreement with certificates obtained from the bank as of December 31, 1917 after allowing for outstanding checks.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investments of the various funds were examined and found to be on hand as called for by the records with the exception of \$2,000.00 Liberty bonds reported by the Treasurer to be in process of being registered. The savings bank accounts were not verified by communication with the banks, but the several balances shown in the savings bank books were initialled by members of the Board of Trustees.

The value of the real estate investments of the funds has not been verified as your Treasurer stated that the values given were placed upon the property a few years ago when an appraisal was made. The book value of the Wallis House has been increased \$3,500.00 during the year. No authorization of this increase was in evidence in the records of the Trustees or of the Finance Committee. A proper vote of approval should be passed and incorporated in the records.

We have seen insurance policies covering the buildings, personal property, liability, etc. to an amount of \$147,850.00.

Attached hereto and forming a part of this report are three schedules showing the transactions of the Trustees for the year and the condition of the funds at the end of the year.

Very respectfully,

HARVEY S. CHASE & COMPANY, Certified Public Accountants.

#### Schedule I

## TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE

Balance Sheet December 31, 1917

#### ASSETS

#### Real Estate:

Institute Buildings and Grounds \$101,500 00
General Fund Investments 14,000 00
Reserve Fund Investments 4,500 00

Total Real Estate

\$120,000 00

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Securities: General Fund Investments	0110 100	-		
Reserve Fund Investments	\$110,408			
Sutton General Fund Investments	66,802 28,030			
Sutton Light and Fuel Fund Investments				
Sutton Building Fund Investments	,			
High School Medal Fund Investments	11,605 2,000			
Burial Lot Fund Investments	1,000			
Durial Lot Fund Investments	1,000	00		
Total Securities	costs Ires	453	224,420	75
Savings Bank Deposits:				
Reserve Fund	\$965	49		
Sutton Building Fund	857			
High School Medal Fund	478			
Burial Lot Fund	118			
Total Savings Bank Deposits		-	2,419	70
Cash (Warren National Bank)			an they	
General Fund	\$ 113	35		
Reserve Fund	1,960			
Sutton General Fund	732			
Sutton Light and Fuel Fund	287			
Sutton Building Fund	1,203			
High School Medal Fund (Overdrawn)	57			
Burial Lot Fund	184	19		
Lyceum and Library Committee	562	67		
		_		
Total Cash			\$4,987	29
Premium Accounts:				
General Fund	\$202	00		
Reserve Fund	30	00		
	-			
Total Premium Accounts			232	00
			-	-
Total Assets			\$352,059	74
FUNDS				
General Fund:				
	\$223,684	59		
Income Account	1,148			
Profit-and-Loss Account	1,148			
Tone and 1903 Account	1,001	20		
Total General Fund	100	901	\$226,224	10
			Annoing.	-

Reserve Fund: Principal Account Income Account Profit-and-Loss	\$55,447 10 17,572 12 1,238 85	
Total Reserve Fund	281	74,258 07
Sutton General Fund: Principal Account Income Account Profit-and-Loss (Debit Balance)	\$26,000 00 2,900 11 137 50	
Total Sutton General Fund		28,762 61
Sutton Light and Fuel Fund: Principal Account Profit-and-Loss (Debit Balance)	\$5,000 00 137 50	O Service S
Total Sutton Light and Fuel Fund	Sector Control	4,862 50
Sutton Building Fund: Principal Account Income Account Profit-and-Loss	\$8,463 30 5,064 18 138 75	ets agill for miniti to amost l
Total Sutton Building Fund		13,666 23
High School Medal Fund: Principal Account Income Account	\$2,000 00 421 06	
Total High School Medal Fund		2,421 06
Burial Lot Fund: Principal Account Income Account	\$1,000 00 302 50	
Total Burial Lot Fund		1,302 50
Lyceum and Library Committee Advance		562 67
Total Fund Accounts		\$352,059 74

#### Schedule II

# TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE

## Income-and-Expenditure

## For the Year ended December 31, 1917

#### INCOME

Interest and Dividends:					
General Fund	\$4,846	66			
Reserve Fund	3,183	95			
Sutton General Fund	1,190	00			
Sutton Light and Fuel Fund	215	00			
Sutton Building Fund	615	30			
High School Medal Fund	119	69			
Burial Lot Fund	44	85			
Lyceum and Library Committee	7	33			
		_			
Total Interest and Dividends			\$10,222	78	
Rents:					
General Fund	\$953	00			
Reserve Fund	150	00			
		-	1,103	00	
Sundry:					
Lyceum and Library Committee, Fines	s \$69	93			
Lyceum and Library Committee					
Books Sold		90			
			85	83	
			-	-	
Total Income					\$11,411 61

#### EXPENDITURES

Lyceum and Library Committee:		
Salaries	\$2,006	02
Books	872	20
Magazines	166	93
Binding	236	90

Printing	60	25				
Supplies and Incidentals	147	02				
Lectures	325					
	-		\$3,815	07		
Sutton Library:			фо,010	0.		
Salaries	\$564	00				
Books	141					
Magazines		81				
Supplies and Incidentals	100	65				
	10	00	723	59		
Insurance			371			
Repairs			252			
Salaries			1,661			
Gas, Electric Light, and Water			442			
Coal			770			
High School Medal Expense			100			
Burial Lot Expense				00		
Sundries			185			
Interest Accrued on Bonds Purchased				The same of		
Premiums Charged Off				97		
Tremums charged on			95	00		
Total Expenditure					8,487	92
Net Income					\$2,923	69
Add Increase in Valuation of Wallis H	ouse				3,500	
Total					\$6,423	69

#### Schedule III

# TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE

#### Fund Increases

# For the Year ended December 31, 1917

	December 31,1916	December 31, 1917	Increase	Decrease
General Fund, Princip	al			
Account	\$220,184.53	\$223,684.53	\$3,500.00	
General Fund, Incom	ne			
Account	859.69	1,148.32	288.63	

Reserve Fund, Income				
Account	14,532.85	17,572.12	3,039.27	
Sutton General Fund, Income Account	2,486.40	2,900.11	413.71	
Sutton Building Fund, Income Account	4,448.88	5,064.18	615,30	
High School Medal Fund, Income Account	401.37	421.06	19.69	
Burial Lot Fund, Income Account	287.65	302.50	14.85	
Lyceum and Library Committee Advance	2,030.43	562.67		\$1,467.76
Totals			\$7,891.45 1,467.76	\$1,467.76
Net Increase per S	chedule II		\$6,423.69	

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

To the Trustees of the Peabody Institute:

Gentlemen:—I transmit herewith the reports of the Librarians and of the Sub-Committee of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

They present as full an account as is possible at this time of the work of the Institute in their charge for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HUDSON,

Chairman, Lyceum and Library Committee.

# LIBRARY COMMITTEE

To the Lyceum and Library Committee:

Report of the Library Committee for the year ending December 31, 1917.

The conditions prevailing in our City, as well as in every other American community for the greater part of the past year, were not favorable for Library work, and yet our Peabody Library has had a successful year.

The quiet but efficient supervision of the entire work of the Library, and the good order maintained among the young people who frequent the Reading Room, have received many favorable comments from patrons and visitors during the year. The sign "Quiet," which is displayed in several places in the Library, means more than an ordinary notice,—it is an existing reality.

The Librarian, with the approval of the Library Committee, decided to open the Library at 1 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of giving High School scholars living in South and West Peabody an opportunity of taking out books, before returning to their homes at the close of school. The experiment has not been rewarded with as great a measure of success as was expected, and its continuance will be a subject for future consideration.

The Librarian, after consulting with a number of West Peabody citizens regarding the circulation of Library books in that section of the City, decided to establish a delivery station at the West Peabody Post Office. His efforts to bring the advantages of the Library within the reach of every resident of the City, are very commendable, and it is hoped, that he will receive the cooperation and appreciation of those for whom he is so diligently working.

Carefully selected additions, in the usual monthly instalments, have kept the patrons of the Library well supplied with the latest and best publications in history, travel and fiction, although nothing of more than ordinary merit will be found in the year's publications. In biography, the life of "James J. Hill," the great railroad builder, was perhaps the most notable addition. It reveals a wonderful lesson of the opportunities awaiting the American youth, who has the ability and the ambition to meet and master any of the industrial problems of American enterprise.

A large proportion of the literary endeavor of the past year has been devoted to the great world war that is now devastating the fairest countries of Europe, and in which even our own beloved Country was most reluctantly forced to participate. Of these publications careful selections were made for the Library, but the greater number were rejected. The present chaotic conditions in the waring countries, make it practically impossible to present an impartial history of the horrible crimes and inhuman attrocities, of a war, that impeaches the success of our twentieth century civilization. When the world again resumes its normal peaceful attitude, we may then expect the true history of this colossal catastrophe, and find the guilty agents of its creation receiving their just deserts.

This war which may affect the destinies of many nations, may also have its effect on the literature of the future. The political conditions that prevented the free discussion of human rights in Russia, previous to the revolution of this year, left to music and literature the only Medium for the expression of her wrongs.

It is to be hoped, that the changes that have occurred, will not affect the work of her patriotic writers, and that they will continue to work for her freedom in the future, with the genius and melody with which they wrote and sang

of her oppression in the past. Their work is only partly done, they are still needed on the watch towers of their Country, lest the passing of one depotism should give way to another.

The Committee is always ready to purchase for the Library, any publication of interest to the City's great industry, and accordingly several volumes on leather manufacture, were added to the important collection of books on that subject now in the Library.

The appeal for funds for a War Library for our soldiers in the camps and on the battlefields, received the full and hearty cooperation of the Trustees and the Committee, as well as the Mayor of the City. Meetings were held in the Institute, at which plans for collecting money were arranged and perfected. The success of the undertaking reflected great credit on the Committee in charge of the work on which the ladies of Peabody, were well represented. When the total contributions were announced, it was indeed most gratifying to every citizen of Peabody, but particularly to the Committee in charge, to learn that the amount raised was far in excess of the sum required. In this as well as in other matters of National interest and importance, Peabody has established a record for patriotic work, that is unexcelled in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the natural course of progress, a library, like all other well appointed public institutions requires occasional alterations, to maintain its efficiency.

The Librarian's report recommends additional shelf room, so that new books can be more systematically arranged for public inspection, the present facilities being entirely inadequate. This recommendation should receive consideration the coming year.

Owing to the increased cost of books, the purchasing power of the appropriation made for the Library Committee has been greatly reduced. We would recommend consideration of this subject by the Trustees, in making future appropriations.

For the Library Committee,

P. H. O. CONOR, Chairman.

### REPORT OF READING ROOM COMMITTEE

To the Lyceum and Library Committee:

The Reading Room Committee herewith respectfully submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1917.

The attendance at the reading room has greatly increased during the past year both by adults and school children.

With the increased attendance at the reading room a separate room for children becomes a necessity.

Order is the best that can be expected until such a time as the Trustees will be able to find some means for a separate reading room for children.

For the Committee,

G. W. PENNIMAN,
Chairman.

# REPORT OF THE LYCEUM COMMITTEE

The Lyceum Committee of 1917 respectfully submit the following report of the sixty-fourth course of lectures held at Peabody Institute:

Appropriated \$325.75 Expended \$325.75

After careful consideration the Lyceum Committee selected a course of five lectures for the season of 1917.

The following lecture course was prepared:

#### Lectures

Monday, March 12—Dr. Francis C. Nicholas, "Development of Animosities between Spanish American Countries and the U. S."

Wednesday, May 9-Mr. Pitt Parker, Crayon Wizard

and Clay Modelling. (Afternoon for children.)

Monday, Sept. 27—Miss Ruth Sage, Reading, "Peg of My Heart," assisted by Mr. Charles Griffith, Eminent Baritone.

Tuesday, Oct. 2—Mr. S. Platt Jones—Interpreter of Famous Comedians and Authors. (Afternoon for children.)

Tuesday, Nov. 27-Mr. Albert L. Squier, "South

America," illustrated.

It is safe to say that the lecture season of 1917 has been the best for many years both in attendance and quality of lectures.

It has been suggested by several of our good citizens that lectures of the forum class or style would prove interesting and appeal to many of our people. It would bring many to our lecture hall who do not now come.

I would suggest that the matter be given due considera-

tion by the Lyceum Committee of 1918.

For the Committee, GEO. A. CLIFFORD, Chairman.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Library and Lyceum Committee:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully submit herewith my report as Librarian for the year ending December 31, 1917.

The circulation for the year has been very satisfactory, as a reference to the statistics hereto annexed will show. One gratifying feature has been an increased circulation of books among pupils of certain schools of the city. I hope that teachers in other schools will urge upon their pupils the benefits of regular use of the library and thus prepare the pupils to become intelligent patrons of the library in future years. This work among school children cannot be begun at too early an age, especially in a manufacturing community where so many boys and girls leave school for work before entrance to the high school.

With the approval of your committee, I have established a depot in the post office in West Peabody for the collection and delivery of books from the library at regular intervals. I trust the results of this experiment will justify the effort to bring the benefits of the library more generally within the reach of the people of that section of the city.

Owing to the war we have been unable to continue the systematic purchase of books in foreign languages as we planned, and therefore the work among the non-English reading constituency has been handicapped to a large extent. I fear that the difficulty in securing suitable books in foreign languages may continue until after the close of the war. This is to be regretted, as the public library is one of the most potent agencies in assimilating the foreign element in any community, and there is a large field for

work of this nature among the great cosmopolitan population of this essentially manufacturing community.

Another very noticeable result of the war has been the increase, in the price of books for the library, and with the limited amount of money annually for new books, a curtailment in the number of new books to be purchased has become necessary.

I would recommend that additional shelves be installed in the main auditorium, where new books may be assembled and examined by the public without formality. I believe a more general display of the new books offered by the library would be appreciated by its patrons and would lead to a larger circulation of the better class of reading.

Membership in the Library Art Club has been continued and the following exhibitions have been given:

### Library Art Club

#### Exhibitions

Jan. 1 to Jan. 15 Rhodesia. Jan. 15 to Feb. 5 Baby beasts. Feb. 5 to Feb. 26 War 6. Feb. 26 to Mar. 19 Petrograd. Mar. 19 to Apr. 9 War 3. Buckingham 9 Apr. 9 to Apr. 30 Buckingham 4. Apr. 30 to May 21 May 21 to June 11 St. Gaudens. June 25 to July 16 Salem doorways. July 16 to Aug. 6 Lumbering. Verona 1. Aug. 6 to Aug. 27 Bauff Aug. 27 to Sept. 17

Sept. 24 to Oct. 15 Tunisia.

Oct. 29 to Nov. 19 War 2.

Nov. 26 to Dec. 17 American illustrators.

Dec. 17 to Dec. 31 Kindergarten set.

I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation that I have received from your committee and from all others associated with me in the work of the library.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. KEEFE,

Librarian.

# Classification and Circulation

in note or and the	Vols. Jan. 31 1916	Added	With- drawn	Vols. Dec. 31 1917	Vols. Circu.	
Law, Social Science, Public Documents Description and	6,960	61	17	7,004	421	1.4
Travel	3,377	36	3	3,410	337	1.1
History Biography	4,164 4,506	85 45	6 2	4,243 4,549	1,063 493	3.4
Science and Arts Poetry and Drama	5,346 1,947	96 21	9 2	5,433 1,966	1,098 261	3.9
General Literature						
Periodicals Fiction	11,817 9,675	135 292	7 316	11,945 9,651	1,923 23,871	6.9 81.0
						100.

### Accessions

Volumes in Library, December 31, 1916		47,792
Purchased	597	
Periodicals bound from numbers	109	
Pamphlets bound	6	
Gifts from U. S. Government	9	
Gifts from State of Massachusetts	25	
Gifts from individuals and institutions	25	
	771	

# Deductions

Deductions			
Withdrawn and missing	362		
Volumes in Library, December 31, 1917	48,201		
Sundry Statistics			
Days the Library was open	304		
Circulation	29,473		
Average	97		
Largest circulation, March 16, 1916	196		
Smallest circulation, October 30, 1916	33		
Volumes rebound	168		
Fines collected	\$69.73		
	159107		
Donors of Bound Volumes			
United States Government	9		
United States Government State of Massachusetts	9 25		
State of Massachusetts	25		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody	25 1		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York	25 1 1		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody	25 1 1 1		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York Dixon, W. MacNeile, London	25 1 1 1 11 11		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York Dixon, W. MacNeile, London Doran Co., New York	25 1 1 1 11 1 2		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York Dixon, W. MacNeile, London Doran Co., New York Doyle, C. E., London	25 1 1, 11 1, 1, 2, 1		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York Dixon, W. MacNeile, London Doran Co., New York Doyle, C. E., London Dutton Co., New York Ermann, Max, New York Felt & Tarrant, Chicago	25 1 1 1 11 1 2		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York Dixon, W. MacNeile, London Doran Co., New York Doyle, C. E., London Dutton Co., New York Ermann, Max, New York Felt & Tarrant, Chicago Insull, Samuel, Chicago	25 1 1 11 11 2 1		
State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York Dixon, W. MacNeile, London Doran Co., New York Doyle, C. E., London Dutton Co., New York Ermann, Max, New York Felt & Tarrant, Chicago Insull, Samuel, Chicago Jacobson Co., Chicago	25 1 1 11 11 2 1 1		
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State of Massachusetts Barker, George, Peabody Cheney, W. A., New York Dixon, W. MacNeile, London Doran Co., New York Doyle, C. E., London Dutton Co., New York Ermann, Max, New York Felt & Tarrant, Chicago Insull, Samuel, Chicago Jacobson Co., Chicago Massachusetts Free Public Library Association National Canners Association	25 1 1 11 1 2 1 1 1 1		
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## REPORT OF THE EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917

Peabody, Mass., December 26, 1917.

Lyceum and Library Committee of Peabody, Mass.

Gentlemen:—The Library has maintained its usual work during the past year. The Library is now well provided with a rare and valuable set of books. The few additions purchased during the present year are as follows:

Technical Methods of Chemical Analysis, by Professor Geo. Lunge.

Etchings and Drypoints, by Frank W. Benson.

O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees, by John O'Hart.

George Washington's Accounts of Expenses, by John C. Fitzpatrick.

Leather Specimen Book, by Frederick La Croix.

We also have a Librarian who is very willing and desirous to make the Eben Dale Sutton Library a success, but the Library is situated on the second floor in the rear of the building, out of the way, and a large number of the people of the city do not know it is there. It is, therefore, of little asse.

If it is possible, it would be better to bring this Library downstairs, and have it connected with the main reading room.

It seems almost a foolish proposition to spend good money for buying books which are seldom looked at and are never handled, causing some kind of dry rot to take place.

There are at present in the Library some sixty or more volumes of London News which need to be re-bound. On account of the extreme high cost, it was thought advisable not to have this done at present until the price got down around normal again, as it would cost about 250% more to do it today than it formerly had.

In addition to the London News, there are a large number of other books which would have to be re-bound, if they were to be used at all. Many volumes of these books have not been taken from the shelves since being purchased, except by the Librarian or for cleaning purposes.

The report of the Librarian given in detail the work accomplished during the year.

# JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

For the Committee

# Report of the Librarian of the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library from December 27, 1916 to December 31, 1917

Natural History	
Natural History	198
Encyclopaedias	146
London News	84
History	
Punch	63
Art	51
	34
Genealogy	33
Dictionaries	25
Architecture	
English Literature	21
	19
Description and Travel	17
Science	16
Biography	16
Country Life	
Historical Costume	13
	7
Poetry	6

Geography	5
Botany	2
Theology	2
Notes and Queries	1
Miscellaneous	1
Visitors and consulters	1,115
Accessions	

Volumes in Library, December 27, 1916	4,575
Purchased	17
Periodicals bound from numbers	11
Volumes in Library, December 31, 1917	4603

## Periodicals in the Library

Bibliotheca Sacra
Country Life in America
Essex Institute Historical Collections
Illustrated London News
Notes and Queries
New England Historical and Genealogical Register

FRANCES M. CARROLL,

Librarian.

